

Abdominal Pain: An Office Approach

The residents will be able to:

1. Given a patient with abdominal pain, the resident will be able to demonstrate:
 - a. he, or she, can perform an appropriate history and physical exam
2. Given a patient with abdominal pain, by using the information obtained from the history and physical exam the resident will be able to:
 - a. Generate a differential diagnosis based on the patient's age (i.e. child, adult, or elderly patient)
 - b. Recognize "Red Flags" from the history and physical exam that may indicate that the patient may have a more serious or urgent problem
 - c. Distinguish between a patient with acute and chronic abdominal pain
 - d. Distinguish between a patient with a surgical and non-surgical abdomen
 - e. Selectively use appropriate laboratory and radiographic examinations to investigate the patient in a timely manner
 - f. Appropriately manage both acute and chronic conditions that the patient may present with
 - g. Know when it is appropriate to refer patients with abdominal pain for further consultation, and be able to ensure that the timing of these consultations is appropriate for the condition that the patient has

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